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PCT/IT2004/000381

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P, X	DENTI M A ET AL: "A new vector, based on the PolII promoter for the U1 snRNA gene, for the expression of siRNAs in mammalian cells" MOLECULAR THERAPY, ACADEMIC PRESS, SAN DIEGO, CA,, US, vol. 10, no. 1, July 2004 (2004-07), pages 191-199, XP004660550 ISSN: 1525-0016 the whole document ----- -/--	1-8

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☐ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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A	<p>SUI GUANGCHAO ET AL: "A DNA vector-based RNAi technology to suppress gene expression in mammalian cells." PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. 16 APR 2002, vol. 99, no. 8, 16 April 2002 (2002-04-16), pages 5515-5520, XP002311179 ISSN: 0027-8424 cited in the application abstract; figure 1</p>	1-8
A	<p>YOUNG DE M B ET AL: "FUNCTIONAL CHARACTERIZATION OF RIBOZYMES EXPRESSED USING U1 AND T7 VECTORS FOR THE INTRACELLULAR CLEAVAGE OF ANF MRNA" BIOCHEMISTRY, AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY. EASTON, PA, US, vol. 33, no. 40, 11 October 1994 (1994-10-11), pages 12127-12138, XP000647772 ISSN: 0006-2960 page 12136; figure 3</p>	1-8
A	<p>PAUL C P ET AL: "EFFECTIVE EXPRESSION OF SMALL INTERFERING RNA IN HUMAN CELLS" NATURE BIOTECHNOLOGY, NATURE PUBLISHING, US, vol. 20, no. 5, May 2002 (2002-05), pages 505-508, XP001121066 ISSN: 1087-0156 cited in the application abstract; figure 1</p>	1-8
P,A	<p>XIA HAIBIN ET AL: "RNAi suppresses polyglutamine-induced neurodegeneration in a model of spinocerebellar ataxia." NATURE MEDICINE. AUG 2004, vol. 10, no. 8, August 2004 (2004-08), pages 816-820, XP002311180 ISSN: 1078-8956 page 817</p>	1-8

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although Claim 8 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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